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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$2,000,000.00 in fiscal year 2023 community project funding for "**BID Plymouth: Emergency Department Observation Unit Expansion**" located in Plymouth, MA. The entity to receive funding is Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital–Plymouth, Inc. with offices located at 275 Sandwich Street, Plymouth, MA 02360.

This project at BID-Plymouth Hospital will expand the current Emergency Department with a 25 bed Observation Unit to better accommodate the increasing demand for services in the Emergency Department.

This funding is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it will help provide greater access to healthcare services to residents of Plymouth and the surrounding communities. These South Shore/Upper Cape Cod communities are growing, and the BID-Plymouth Hospital Emergency Department is often at or beyond capacity. Funding for this project will provide a direct benefit to residents by ensuring sufficient ED capacity and providing access to care that could help reduce the amount of time a patient needs to be at the hospital and reduce the cost burden for patients.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely

William R. Keating Member of Congress